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- 39. An aqueous ophthalmic solution according to any one of claims 33 to 36, wherein the solution does not contain an ophthalmically acceptable antimicrobial agent.
- 40. An aqueous ophthalmic solution according to any one of claims 33 to 36, wherein the solution contains the borate-polyol complex in an amount of 1.0 to 2.5 wt. %.
- 41. An aqueous ophthalmic solution according to claim 40, wherein the molar ratio of borate to polyol is 1:0.1 to 1:1.
- claim 40, wherein the molar ratio of borate to polyol is 1:0.25 to 1:2.5.
- 43. An aqueous ophthalmic solution according to claim 40, wherein the solution is unpreserved.

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44. An aqueous ophthalmic solution comprising: a viscosity-enhancing amount of hydroxypropyl methylcellulose; 1.0 to 2.5 wt. % of a borate-polyol complex, said complex comprising boric acid and glycerin in a molar ratio of 1:0.1 to 1:1; 0.001 w/v % of polyquaternium-1; and water.

45. An aqueous, unpreserved ophthalmic solution comprising: a viscosity-enhancing effective amount of hydroxypropyl methylcellulose; 1.0 to 2.5 wt. % of a borate-polyol 42. An aqueous ophthalmic composition according to 10 complex comprising boric acid, propylene glycol and sorbitol, wherein the molar ratio of borate to polyol is 1:0.1 to 1:1; and water.